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**DCS COMMISSIONER VIOLA MILLER TO SPEAK AT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER GRADUATION**

**DANDRIDGE, TENN.** – Department of Children's Services Commissioner Viola Miller will be the keynote speaker at the Mountain View Youth Development Center graduation ceremony on Friday, June 25, at 10 a.m.

Of the 38 Mountain View graduates, 19 students will be participating in the graduation ceremony in which they will receive their GED or high school diploma. The graduates are 17 and 18 years old and hail from 15 different counties across Tennessee.

"I am delighted to share this exciting moment with these students as they take this new step in life," said Commissioner Miller. "I am very proud of each of them, and I am thrilled that six of our graduates are planning to attend college."

Each spring, Mountain View staff chooses an outstanding student to compose a commencement speech at the ceremony. This year's commencement speaker is 17 year-old Jonathan Meeks of Bradley County. Meeks has been at the center since September 24, 2003. He will receive his GED on Friday and has plans to attend college.

Located in Jefferson County, Mountain View Youth Development Center opened in 1990 as the first development center to operate under a private corporation. The state of Tennessee assumed total responsibility of the center at the corporation's request on January 1, 1993. The facility currently houses 132 juvenile males.

Mountain View youth benefit from case management, daily group therapy and an on site accredited school. The school also offers vocational programming, special education services, and GED preparation and testing. More information on Mountain View may be found at our website.

Due to confidentiality concerns limited photography will be allowed.

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